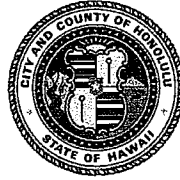


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Dear Chair Kobayashi and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed Bill 13 (2015), CD2 Amendments for the
Department of Emergency Management

Please find attached our comments regarding the budget amendments in Bill 13
(2015), CD1 and the proposed amendments for Bill 13 (2015), CD2.

We would also like to thank Councilmember Elefante for his proposed restoration of
the CD1 cuts.

Sincerely,

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Melvin N. Kaku, Director
Department of Emergency Management

Attachment

CONCUR:

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Nelson H. Koyanagi Jr., Director
Budget and Fiscal Services

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Roy K. Amemiya, Jr.
Managing Director

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATION

Councilmember: Trevor Ozawa

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>
(\$75,000)	GN	Reduction of OC 3006 – Other Professional Services

Department's Comments and Concerns:

We request full restoration of \$75,000 to solicit a grants technical consultant. Grants typically run on two-year expenditure cycles and we are looking at long-term trends and looking forward to grant opportunities this year. The grants technical consultant contract is not only for the Department of Emergency Management, but for all City departments to utilize. Most departments do not have in-house grant writers, therefore these funds are critical for departments to be able to apply for various grants available.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>
(\$20,000)	GN	Reduction of OC 3049 – Other Services – Not Classified

Department's Comments and Concerns:

We request restoration of \$20,000. Full funding of \$35,000 is needed to increase our public education outreach. The department needs to bolster our disaster awareness and emergency preparedness messaging. The 2014 hurricane season was unprecedented including multiple active tropical cyclones in the Eastern Pacific such as Tropical Storm Iselle and Hurricane Ana, and severe weather impacts from other lesser events. The department is also legally required to translate all flyers and brochures into 17 different languages as the recipient of federal funds through the Department of Homeland Security. This unfunded Federal mandate requires increased funding for a minimum of one year. If we do not meet this mandated requirement, the department could be subject to fines.